

H. Res. 561

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 1, 2002.

Whereas there are more than 200 Hispanic-serving institutions in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas the number of Hispanic Americans enrolled in college is growing twice as quickly as enrollment at all colleges, according to a recent report from the Department of Education;

Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions have allowed many students to attain their full potential through higher education;

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-serving institutions are deserving of national recognition; and

Whereas Hispanic Heritage Month is an appropriate time to express that recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.

The House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the significance of Hispanic-serving institutions;

(2) recognizes that Hispanic-serving institutions are indispensable in meeting the educational needs of one of the Nation's youngest and fastest-growing populations;

(3) commends the Nation's Hispanic-serving institutions for their commitment to academic excellence for all students, including low-income and educationally disadvantaged students;

(4) urges the presidents, faculty, and staff of the Nation's Hispanic-serving institutions to continue their efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate students who might otherwise not pursue a postsecondary education;

(5) recognizes the importance of title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which aids in strengthening the academic quality, institutional management, and financial stability of Hispanic-serving institutions; and

(6) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to demonstrate support for Hispanic-serving in-

stitutions in the United States during that month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Attest:

Clerk.